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## EXPLOSION IS TERRIFIC

Blowup of Gasoline Does Considerable Damage.

### THIRTY ARE INJURED

The Accident Happened in the Turf Exchange Pool Room at City of Hot Springs and Wrecks the Building.

Hot Springs, Dec. 25.—A terrific explosion occurred in the Turf Exchange pool room Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when about thirty persons were seriously injured, five of whom are not expected to live. The room was crowded to its capacity with speculators when a gasoline tank was being filled in the rear. The gases filled the room and the lighted cigars set off the explosion. The entire rear of room was demolished and those able to move scrambled out of the building to avoid the falling walls and timbers.

The injured were taken into nearby offices and store rooms and the whole medical fraternity of Hot Springs answered the call.

Billy Halwig died.  
R. C. Chambers of Chambers & Walker, who own the building was crushed in the explosion. One arm was broken twice, the other broken in one place, the left leg was broken and he sustained several fractures of ribs. He withstood the setting of limbs in plaster well, and there is a chance for his recovery.

The police have made a full investigation and have held Ben Murray, who is alleged to be responsible for the disaster in careless handling of the high combustible.

The bank roll consisted of \$55,000 and was blown away in the explosion, but the greater part of it has been recovered.

After a thorough examination by the authorities as to the explosion, it is claimed that criminal carelessness on the part of a man named Ben Murray, a driver of a gasoline wagon, was the direct cause.

The Turf building and pool room was lighted by gasoline of the highest proof. It is alleged Murray was in the act of filling the large tank in the rear of the building and allowed the tank to overflow, the gasoline running all over the floor of the rear walk adjoining the building. Someone opened the back door of the pool room and the gasoline vapor coming in contact with the heat of the room caused the explosion. Murray is in the hospital. He was burned about the head and face. The entire building is completely wrecked and will have to be torn away, as that part of it which remains is almost ready to collapse.

It was at first reported Chambers and Edward Vivell, the cashier of the pool room, were killed, but Vivell escaped with severe cuts and bruises. He had no time to get his "bank roll" of nearly \$50,000, but most of this was afterwards found and returned to Mayer, who is managing the room.

### COWARD FREE.

Man Who Twenty-Four Years Ago Under Sentence of Death Pardoned.

Alvin, Tex., Dec. 25.—Nearly twenty-four years ago Richard Coward was tried for murder and sentenced to hang. The evidence was circumstantial and Governor Roberts commuted him to a life imprisonment. Many believed that he suffered unjustly and several efforts have been made to secure a pardon.

Wednesday he appeared at his brother's house, a surprise to all and a Christmas present from Governor Sayers, as the governor expressed it in a letter to a gentleman who had interested himself to secure the pardon.

### Wish Time Extended.

Fort Worth, Dec. 25.—Cattlemen in the counties below the quarantine are petitioning Governor-elect Lanham to recommend to the Livestock Sanitary board that cattle be allowed to cross the line under inspection until February 15.—Under the present rules and regulations the time when cattle can cross the line will expire Dec. 31.

### Wanted to Die.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 25.—Adelbert Lemon, ten years old, son of Rev. H. A. Lemon, state evangelist for the Christian church, shot himself Wednesday night and died that night. The boy said that the act was premeditated. He told the doctors he had bought Christmas presents, had had a good time and wanted to die.

### New Road to Be Built.

Austin, Dec. 25.—W. O. Richards of Quanah, who is in the city on business, reports that a company of New York City capitalists has been formed to build a line of railroad from Quanah to a point on the Peace river.

### Two Scalded.

Greenville, Tex., Dec. 25.—The steam pipe of engine No. 279 of the Katy flyer burst between Leonard and Celeste. Engineer Alderrand Fireman Hollis were badly scalded.

### COLLIDED ON CURVE.

Freight Trains Ran Together and Seven Persons Lost Their Lives.

Trinidad, Col., Dec. 25.—Six men were killed Wednesday and two were injured in a collision between two freight trains north of here on the Colorado and Southern railroad. The dead:

Engineer Peace of extra freight. He died at hospital.

J. Fox, fireman on extra freight.

McDermott, brakeman on extra freight.

J. W. Goldtrap, engineer on regular freight.

King, machinist on regular freight.

Unidentified fireman, regular freight.

Unidentified brakeman, regular freight.

The extra freight in charge of Conductor Bronson and carrying fourteen cars was northbound. It had gone but a mile and a half from Trinidad when on rounding a sharp curve the engineer saw regular freight train southbound bearing down upon his train not more than 100 yards distant. The regular train consisted of forty cars loaded with coal and was running at a fair rate of speed. Before any of the seven trainmen could jump the two trains met. Fourteen cars of the regular train were completely wrecked and seven of the extra were demolished. Both of the locomotives are complete wrecks.

### Ploughed into Rear Car.

Pittsburg, Dec. 25.—The Pennsylvania Limited, running almost an hour late, crashed into the rear end of the Loetsdale accommodation at Quaker Valley station Wednesday night. The locomotive of the limited ploughed into the rear car, the smoker, and pushed it through the one ahead of it making the two cars the length of one. The crash was heard for a mile and the limited, running at the rate of 55 miles an hour, carried the train from Quaker Valley to Edgeworth, a distance of almost half a mile, before it could be stopped. Many were injured, some of them probably fatally.

### Six Injured.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 25.—Six persons were injured, several of them seriously, as the result of a collision between the trailer of an electric train of the Kentucky and Indiana Bridge and Railway company and a Big Four freight on a siding on the Water street trestle, just above First street in this city. The trailer of the electric train was thrown from the trestle to the ground eighteen feet below and the escape of the seven occupants of the car from death was remarkable.

### DISPOSED OF BOTH.

Supreme Court Refused Rehearing Motion in the Riggins Case.

Austin, Dec. 25.—The supreme court Wednesday finally disposed of the Waco mayoralty muddle, so far as its jurisdiction is concerned, by refusing both motions for rehearing. The court refused to rehear the application for writ of error from the Third court or civil appeals, in J. W. Riggins vs. W. H. Thompson et al., the City Council. It also refused a rehearing of the double motion made by Riggins to hold the city council and city attorney in contempt for violating certain injunctions by conducting impeachment proceedings before said court disposed of the writ of error, and also for an order directing the city council to revoke the alleged premature impeachment. As stated the court ruled against on every side.

### HUGE TRUST.

Nearly a Billion Dollars Are Said to Be Represented in the Formation.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—The Daily News says that capital to the amount of nearly a billion dollars is reported to be represented in the formation of a gigantic gas trust, which will include the different companies in nearly all the principal cities of Europe and the large interests of London. A Chicago man is alleged to be the originator of the scheme, and Chicago and New York capital is represented in the project. John D. Rockefeller is credited with being a prospective stockholder to the amount of \$300,000,000. Other New York capitalists said to be interested are Anthony Brady, D. O. Mills and A. R. Flower. C. K. G. Billings of the Peoples' Gas Light and Coke company and Anthony Brady, said to be the prime movers in the venture, the story runs, will leave within ten days for Paris to perfect the deal.

### Situation Horrible.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—While full details of the recent earthquake disaster at Andijan are not obtainable, owing to the lack of communication, the brief dispatches received here describe the situation as horrible. The temperature has fallen to the freezing point and thousands are homeless. One section of the city has been completely destroyed, one cotton gin and one church only are standing there. The first shock drove the inhabitants generally indoors, otherwise the loss of life would have been much greater. Notwithstanding the offers of free transportation, the people are remaining in the vicinity of the city, which will be rebuilt.

### Sentence Commuted.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The president commuted the sentence of Jesse Snyder, who was convicted in the



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On the whole Bryan celebrated Christmas in a very orderly and becoming manner.

Both white and black people of Houston have petitioned the city council to pass a separate street car law for that town. That's the way to settle a race question.

Riggins has been refused a new hearing by the state supreme court and will take his impeachment case before the federal supreme court.

Uncle Sam had a sight better be mixed up in the affairs of South America than in those of the Philippines. Sooner or later, unless conditions improve more rapidly than can reasonably be anticipated, this government will have to take charge of those countries down there in order to make peace perpetual.

## COTTONWOOD.

December 22, 1902.

The health of the community is very good.

Miss Nellie Hudspeth, who has been attending school of Austin, is spending the holidays in this community.

The people of this community are busy preparing for Christmas.

Mrs. M. A. Shaw is visiting Mrs. Annie Locke this week.

Mrs. Fannie Locke and Mr. I. T. McGee are visiting at Galveston.

Mr. Henry Hudspeth of Georgetown, is spending Christmas at home.

Mr. Jessie Gilpin and family of Kurten, visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reynolds of this community Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Henry Locke of Bryan, is spending holidays at home in this community.

Edgar Carter went to Bryan Saturday.

Roy Zimmerman of Fickey is visiting in this community.

Mr. Earnest Elliott left last week for West Texas to make his future home.

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## CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

By the Knights Templar in Honor of Most Eminent Grand Master Stoddard.

Precisely at noon yesterday, according to the variations of time, the thoughts of more than 130,000 Knights Templar, scattered throughout the English speaking world, were turned towards Bryan, the home of Gen. H. B. Stoddard, most eminent grand master of the Knights Templar grand encampment, and all those who had the opportunity united in the observance of the beautiful custom among Templars of proposing a sentiment to the grand master.

The sentiment proposed this year by the committee on Christmas observance was as follows: "To our Most Eminent Grand Master, Henry Bates Stoddard: May our order under his sway become the noblest champion of the Christian virtues." Gen. Stoddard's response was: "Sir Knights: May each so live and act that we may exemplify the teachings of the Blessed Immanuel." It was the privilege of members of Ivanhoe Commandery, of Bryan, to hear the sentiment proposed and the response in the presence of the most eminent grand master in the Masonic lodge room at noon yesterday. Eminent Commander Sir Sam R. Henderson was master of ceremonies and the ceremony was appropriately observed and much enjoyed by those who had the good fortune to be present.

Other appropriate sentiments were proposed, including toasts to state grand officers and others. Eminent Commander Henderson proposed a toast to Col. M. F. Mott and asked Gen. Stoddard to respond. The latter did so in a feeling tribute to Col. Mott as a man, and to his work in behalf of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' home.

A telegram was sent to Sir Knight T. J. Garrett, of Calvert, formerly eminent commander of Ivanhoe commandery, and still a member, though too feeble to attend meetings.

Now is the time to order Black Books for 1903. We are local agents for the M. P. Exline Co., manufacturing stationers, lithographers and Blank Book makers, Dallas, Texas. We are prepared to take your order for anything in the way of office stationery, whether made to order or from regular stock. We also sell desks and office furniture.

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## RELIANCE.

December 22, 1902.

We are glad to say that Mr. D. F. Holland is better at this writing.

Rev. J. M. Bullock and daughters Misses Minnie and Etta, attended the Zuber-Buchanan marriage Wednesday night, at Bryan.

Mr. J. H. Edge and family, and Misses Emmil and Ellie Parnell went to Galveston Wednesday.

Mr. T. A. Tobias of Kurten, was here Thursday eve.

Messrs. Joe and John Lloyd and family went to Bryan Saturday.

Mr. Robt. Buchanan of Steep Hollow, was here Friday.

Mrs. Mollie Mathis and Miss Cora Morgan spent last week in Bryan.

Mr. J. C. Cloud is having a well bored on his place.

Prof. T. S. Cloud and family of Steep Hollow were here Monday.

Messrs. J. R. Stewart, W. D. and M. L. Outlaw went to Bryan Monday.

Messrs. Robt. and Tommie Smith went to Galveston Friday night.

Everybody had a good time at the "Apron" party at Mr. W. H. Morgan's Tuesday night.

Mr. Walter Hood of Kurten was here Friday.

Farewell to all, for a merry, merry Christmas. COR.

## Great Weather Calendar.

The Chattanooga Medicine Co., the manufacturers of McElree's Wine of Cardui and Theford's Black Draught, have just issued the 1903 edition of the Cardui Weather Chart and Calendar. This office has just received one of these calendars, which consists of twelve sheets of paper, 13x20 inches in size. Each sheet contains the calendar for one month in large figures that can be read across the room. Under the figures patent weather signals indicating Prof. DeVoe's weather forecasts for every day in the year appear. We understand a few copies of it can be secured by sending 10c apiece in postage stamps to the Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

## SURPRISE IS PLANNED

Postal Telegraph Company's Oldest Employees Beneficiaries.

## NICE REMEMBRANCES

The Men Interested Have Been Put Into Three Different Divisions and Will Be Rewarded According to Time.

New York, Dec. 25.—Clarence M. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph company, is planning a New Year's surprise for the older employees of that concern.

It has been reported that John W. Mackay had left in his will a provision that the older employees of the Postal were to receive a gift on Jan. 1, 1903, proportioned to their term of service in that company of ten years or longer. Though this report regarding the terms of the will could not be verified, and it was hinted in other sources of authority that the gift was the idea of Clarence M. Mackay alone, it was learned positively from Clarence H. Mackay that he and a committee composed of old friends and employees of his father were contemplating a New Year's present for the employees of the Postal that will be of some importance.

A list shown to the few fortunate ones in the confidence of the management was found to contain eighty names taken from the operating department, including men now in brokers' offices. The men were placed in three classes: Those who had served in the company for twenty years, those who had been in continuous service for fifteen years, and then ten years. No men who had not been in the service of the company for at least ten years got on the list, and it was an unalterable decision that this service must have been continuous. The committee in charge of the matter will meet shortly and act on the list.

## NEW SERVICE.

Another Line May Be Established in a Short Period of Time.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—J. S. Vanburen, general manager of the China Commercial Steamship company, who has arrived here, says he hopes to establish a regular steamship service between Hong Kong and points in Mexico and on the Pacific coast, commencing on April 1 of next year. He states that he is negotiating with ship owners in London in reference to chartering four or five steamers for the company's use. The route of the steamships will be from Hong Kong to Japanese ports, thence to Mazatlan and thence to some Pacific coast port, probably San Francisco. If the line proves successful, it is the intention of the company to build its own steamers.

## Believed Tramps.

Tombstone, Ariz., Dec. 25.—The posse returning from the scene of the holdup of the Tombstone stage, which occurred near Fairbanks, found the express box near the railroad grade, leading to Tombstone. The box had been opened by the robbers with a small hatchet. Christmas packages were found strewn about unopened. The robbers in their hurry tore a twenty-dollar bill in pieces while opening a money envelope. But little booty was secured, probably not more than \$25. Two men were engaged in the holdup. They are believed to have been tramps.

## Declared Invalid.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25.—Superior Judge Shaw has handed down an opinion declaring the will of the late Col. Blanton Duncan invalid and awarding the estate to Mrs. Katherine Lewis, the daughter of Colonel Duncan. Mrs. Lewis sued for a reversal of the will on the ground that her father was not mentally competent at the time of the drawing up of the instrument. Colonel Duncan cut his daughter off entirely and left his estate to a large number of persons of all classes, from superior court judges who had tried cases for him to his Chinese servant.

## Sharkey Desires to Fight Again.

New York, Dec. 26.—As a sequel to the recent defeat of Champion Jeffries by "Jack" Munroe at Butte, Mont., "Tom" Sharkey has declared his intention of reentering the prize ring and has issued a challenge to Jeffries or Munroe for any sort of a bout for a side bet of from \$1000 to \$5000. If either of them is inclined to accept Sharkey will post a forfeit to clinch the match.

## Offer Made.

New York, Dec. 25.—According to a Herald dispatch from Valparaiso, a New York firm has made an offer to the Chilean government to establish a regular line of steamers between Chile, Argentina and Brazil and the United States. A representative of an American syndicate has submitted to the government an offer to construct a drainage system for the city of Santiago, at a cost of \$7,500,000.

## Conference Commenced.

New York, Dec. 25.—Conferences between the Japanese political parties have commenced, says the Tokio correspondent of the Times in a dispatch via London. The correspondent says a compromise on the basis of the abandonment of the land tax, the funds for the naval increase derived from other sources, is not unlikely.

## One Hundred and Five Years Old.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—James Kildee, aged one hundred and five years, and supposed to have been the oldest resident of the state, is dead at Danville, Ill.

## SERIOUS JOKE.

Fifty Italians Were in a Rather Bad Flight on a Train.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—A practical joke which nearly resulted in serious consequences to fifty Italians has been played on an incoming train, says a special to the Tribune from New Orleans.

The Italians were in an immigrant coach bound from New York to New Orleans.

When the train came to a stop before the draw of the long Bay St. Louis bridge, which spans an inlet of the gulf, a newsboy entered the coach, with several toy snakes wound about his arms. The Italians became frightened and began collecting in the farther end of the compartment. The newsboy pursued them with the snakes and a stampede ensued. Bursting through the door the panic-stricken immigrants overflowed the platform and leaped off upon the bridge. With the greatest difficulty the crew got the Italians back on board and started the train. Many of them were badly bruised.

## LOCKWOOD DEAD.

Colonel Who Had a Noted Career Passes Away at New York.

New York, Dec. 25.—Colonel Henry Clay Lockwood is dead, in Bellevue hospital, of a short illness. He was sixty-three years old. Colonel Lockwood was educated for the bar, and enlisted in 1862 in the Union army. He was breveted major for gallantry at the storming of Fort Fisher in 1865, and was mustered out with that rank in 1866. He was the author of "The Abolition of the Presidency," in which he advocated a plural executive, to be known as the executive council, which should be chosen in joint session by the two houses of congress, and several other works.

## Denied by an Official.

New York, Dec. 25.—An official of the Interborough Rapid transit company of New York denies that that concern as a company is interested in the building of an underground railroad in Chicago as has been asserted.

## Denial Desired.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 25.—The Knoxville Knitting Mills company requests the Associated Press to say that Monday's fire did not originate in their plant as was at first reported. The Knitting mills were not damaged.

## Pope in Good Health.

Rome, Dec. 25.—There is no foundation for the report that the pope is ill. The pontiff is in good health and excellent spirits. He did not retire until ten o'clock Tuesday. He celebrated mass in his private chapel.

## Fatally Shot by an Editor.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 25.—At Cordell, Okla., Tuesday night J. A. White, editor of the Cordell Beacon, fatally shot A. J. Johnson, a prominent town man. The cause of the tragedy was an old quarrel.

## Dropped Dead.

New York, Dec. 25.—Howard Elms, a lawyer of this city and a former United States consul in Holland, dropped dead on Broadway.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

Horse show at Fort Worth is assured.

R. W. Kleiner was shot and killed at Cisco, Tex.

Dallas' piano factory will soon begin operation.

Texas and Pacific railway has ordered fifteen more locomotives.

Contractor John W. Hamilton of Mattoon, Ill., suicided by poison.

A young lady at Dallas has a hand nearly blown off by an explosion.

Two cars of fine hoks were shipped from Mabank, Tex., to Fort Worth.

Major Z. H. Hammond, eighty-two years old, a planter of Hempstead, Tex., is dead.

Tom Johnson, a negro porter, was found dead at El Paso, Tex., with his skull crushed.

The eighteen months old child of W. J. McLaughlin was burned to death at Ardmore, I. T.

Captain Sam Smith died at Sulphur Springs, Tex. He settled in Hopkins county in 1846.

W. A. Buckner, an officer in Quantrell's brigade during the civil war, died at Mexico, Tex.

A bull dog fell in a well at Paris, Tex., and held on to the rope while being pulled out.

Bessemer Coke company of Pittsburg advances wages of its 5000 employees 8 per cent.

At a dance near Nacogdoches, Tex., Alfred Stone was fatally stabbed. John Rice escaped.

A wheel of his wagon ran over an ear of Walter Tiller, a Dallas county farmer, cutting it off.

Deputy Game Warden Penn seized 4000 quail at Oklahoma City, Okla., consigned to St. Louis.

At Valley Junction, Ia., burglars dynamited the safe in Miller's drug store and secured \$3000.

Houston Stevenson, a negro boy, had an arm and leg cut off by a freight car at Kosse, Tex.

Twenty-five marriage licenses were issued by County Clerk Shanks of Dallas county Christmas eve.

Hogg-Swayne well No. 1 has come in in the oil field around Jennings, La. It is a strong six-inch gusher.

Herman Meyer, while walking along a railroad track at Moulton, Tex., was run over and killed by a train.

Diamond City Investment company, capital stock \$75,000, has been established at South McAlester, I. T.

A stranger walked through a glass door of a Dallas clothing establishment and did \$50 worth of damage.

"Uncle Johnny" Price, seventy-seven years old, a resident of Ellis county, Texas, since 1853, died at Red Oak.

## Night Adventure In A Southern Swamp

Odd places, curious people and especially novel experiences have a great fascination for Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, and during her last trip to this country she found in the city of New Orleans much to interest her.

Most of her afternoons during the week's engagement in the Crescent City were spent in the quaint creole quarters. On one of her jaunts she happened to stroll into an alligator vender's establishment in a dingy thoroughfare known as Charters street.

While Mme. Bernhardt was in the alligator store gazing interestedly at the pens filled with wriggling, squirming little alligators Delyfeet, a long, lean, mud-covered, sunburned "Cajun," whose whole attire consisted of a blue shirt, a pair of trousers rolled up to the knees and a palmetto hat, entered with a sack over his shoulder containing half a hundred little black creatures about twelve inches long. He had paddled his perogee (canoe) in through the bayous (canals) to the city with his week's collection of baby "gators."

The fellow's French attracted Mme. Bernhardt's attention, and she was soon in conversation with him, asking about his queer business and way of living.

Finally Delyfeet invited his new acquaintance to go with him on a chase. Mme. Bernhardt eagerly accepted, and a few evenings later, clad in a regular hunting suit, with a short skirt and high boots, she and three of her friends boarded the little electric train for the summer resort of West End, on Lake Pontchartrain.

Arrived at a known haunt of the alligators in a dark creek fringed with tall reeds, pine torches were lit in the canoes and a search begun at the water's edge for "gator" holes. In a few minutes a bunch of three was found.

Mme. Bernhardt was particularly anxious to capture an alligator for herself, and so, under the guidance of the hunter, she laid a noose of stout rope about one of the holes.

One of the hunters gave a low, weird snort which sounded as if far off in the distance. In the stillness of the night and amid those dreary wastes it sounded most eerie. In a few moments there was another cry as if nearer, then another, and the noise was repeated until at last there came a violent roar, ending in a spluttering among the weeds at the water's edge exactly as though a huge reptile had just landed from a long swim. It was a most clever piece of mimicry.

Mme. Bernhardt, who had hold of her rope, ready to give the jerk when the creature should pass into the noose, was suddenly apprised of the fact that the critical moment had come.

There was a slight jerk on her rope. She turned quickly and saw a monstrous alligator crawling out of the hole. Instantly she jerked the rope, tightening the loop about the creature's middle.

The huge saurian roared with rage and tore furiously around the tree to which he found himself tied. He trav-



MME. BERNHARDT JERKED THE NOOSE TIGHT.

eled faster than any of the party, although they fled helter skelter in all directions. The visitors had just time to get out of the way as the creature swept past them, his tail swinging from side to side dangerously and his great jaws snapping viciously.

The alligator could have bitten the rope in two with one snap of his jaws, but he hadn't sense enough for that.

Presently the strain began to tell, his wild rushes slackened, and soon he lay almost exhausted.

A heavy pine board was now laid near him. He was tangled up as much as possible in the rope, and when all danger from his jaws and tail was past he was bound securely to the plank, and the noose around his body was cut.

The plank and its burden were carried to one of the boats, and the other animal being similarly secured, the party started homeward.

Mme. Bernhardt's alligator proved to be a ten footer and weighed 275 pounds. The hunter got \$1.25 a foot for the prize, or \$12.50 for the big animal.

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## I. & G. N. SCHEDULE.

No. 104—Northbound—Passenger Leaves ..... 4:25 p. m.  
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No. 101—Southbound—Passenger—Arrives ..... 7:15 p. m.  
Leaves (next morning) ..... 8 a. m.

## H. & T. O. SCHEDULE.

Northbound No. 1 ..... 10:20 a. m.  
Northbound No. 3 ..... 1:27 p. m.  
Northbound No. 5 ..... 2:13 a. m.  
Southbound No. 2 ..... 2:00 p. m.  
Southbound No. 4 ..... 4:16 p. m.  
Southbound No. 6 ..... 2:46 a. m.  
Nos. 3 and 4 are fast trains, stopping only at principal stations.

## Local News

Now then for the resolutions.

Beall Chatham returned to Cypress yesterday.

H. J. Stasny returned from McKinney yesterday.

We want your market trade in 1903. Franklin Bros. 21

Miss Sue McClelland is visiting in Houston.

J. T. Maloney of Palestine, spent yesterday in the city.

Mrs. True came down from Calvert yesterday.

Miss Cora Maxwell arrived from Erath county yesterday to visit her sister, Mrs. Leo Kidd.

House for rent January 1. Apply to Mrs. C. B. Winter. 17

Ed Hearn of Waco spent Christmas in Bryan.

E. K. McComb was here from Marlin yesterday.

John Cramer, colored, was shot and killed on the W. E. Astin plantation near Hearne, January 23.

Ernest Altenburger went to Galveston yesterday.

D. E. Callahan of Navasota, was in the city yesterday.

Next—The Minister's Son—Tuesday evening.

We are pleased to acknowledge the Christmas greetings of Villa Maria Ursuline Academy.

Just received a fresh shipment of Huyler's pure, delicious candies for Christmas at McDougald's drug store. 16

Bryan has been pretty shy on social entertainments this Christmas and as a result our young people have been attracted to balls and parties at neighboring points.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Astin of Stamford, are visiting Mrs. O. H. Astin at Mumford. Mrs. Astin gave a Christmas dinner yesterday with all the members of the family present for the first time in several years. It is needless to say the reunion was greatly enjoyed.

"The Minister's Son," well remembered by Bryan theatre-goers on account of the personality of the peculiar comedian, Mr. W. B. Patton, will be seen for the second time in Bryan at the opera house Tuesday, December 30. Mr. Patton met with a cordial reception upon the occasion of his first visit to Bryan, and there is every reason to believe his coming appearance will be even more successful. Mr. Patton has a strong company.

There was a good deal more Christmas than most people were expecting. After his first round with the boll weevil Santa Claus, though slightly disfigured, was still in the ring.

The I. & G. N. is now running trains over the Santa Fe track from Navasota to Stoneham to allow opportunity for repairing damages to its own roadbed.

The mail clerks and express agents have emerged from mountains of packages and are enjoying a well earned breathing spell.

Farm lands 5 and 6 miles from Bryan, for sale or to exchange for town property. T. J. Preston. 35

All the saloons as well as other places of business were closed yesterday in observance of Christmas.

W. P. Wooten spent Christmas in the city.

Very little drunkenness marked the holiday festivities.

Franklin Bros. still lead with the best markets, the best meats and the best service. 21

Milze Derden will leave Sunday for Shawnee, Oklahoma, to take a position in charge of the dry goods department of the Shawnee Mercantile Company.

F. W. McConico was here yesterday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McConico.

Eugene Parks of Hubbard City, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Parks.

R. H. Reed of Houston, came up yesterday to visit his mother, Mrs. J. L. Reed.

McDuff Simpson has just set out near the oil mill 13000 young cabbage plants.



## What Shall I Give

MY HUSBAND, FATHER,  
BROTHER, SON, OR  
GENTLEMAN Friend for

## Christmas?

Below we offer a few suggestions  
that will help you solve this  
puzzling question

Smoking Jackets  
Bedroom Slippers  
Silk Umbrellas  
Leather Grips & Bags  
Overcoats  
White vests  
Soft and Stiff Hats  
Patent Leather Shoes  
Kid Gloves  
Silk Handkerchiefs

Linen Handkerchiefs  
Silk Mufflers  
Cuff Buttons  
Scarf Pins  
Watch Fobs  
White Shirts  
Colored Shirts  
Collars & Cuffs  
Outing Pajamas and  
Night shirts

Besides the above we have hundreds of other useful articles that  
would make appropriate gifts for men.

See our Christmas Windows.

PARKS &  
WALDROP,

Men's Outfitters.

Good meats for 1903, is Franklin Bros.' motto. 21

E. W. Hutcheson came up from Houston yesterday.

Walter Willson of Austin, is here visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Willson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Winslow and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Walker of Galveston, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Walker.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Lee of Wellborn, were in the city yesterday.

B. A. Smith and Edgar Scott came from Decatur to spend Christmas with home folks.

James H. Wooten and wife returned to Hearne yesterday after visiting Mrs. T. P. Wooten.

O. P. Buchanan and George Leach of Beaumont, were visitors to the city yesterday.

Walter Mann of Galveston, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. Marion Law yesterday.

Miss Emma Hollman is visiting in Calvert.

Mrs. Reed, mother of Deputy Marshal W. A. Reed, is here for the holidays.

W. A. Watkins of the quarantine department at Austin, came to Bryan to spend Christmas with the home folks.

Russell Watkins of Houston is here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Winter visited relatives in Navasota yesterday.

Mrs. S. J. Smith of Whitney, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. T. Ford.

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Go to Madisonville to Institute a Lodge  
—A Strong Team.

A strong team from Brazos Lodge No. 64, Knights of Pythias, of Bryan, leave for Madisonville this morning to institute a K. of P. lodge in that city. They go by invitation and will put in two days with the work and return Sunday. Mr. A. M. Waldrop, deputy grand chancellor commander, will represent Grand Chancellor Bonner of Tyler in the work. Preparations have been made to entertain them royally and the boys are naturally anticipating a good time. The party includes A. M. Waldrop, Robt. W. Howell, Dr. W. H. Lawrence, D. F. Dansby, O. E. Saunders, T. A. Searey, J. B. Stevenson, A. W. Buchanan, R. G. Tabor, J. W. Doremus, B. C. Pittuck, Geo. W. Smith Jr., Paul Bradley, Murph McCordale, Claude Walker, D. C. DeMaret, Judge V. B. Hudson, A. A. Farley. The new lodge will be instituted with a membership of thirty.

Sidney Rhodes of Houston spent Christmas in the city.

C. S. Corrigan, signal engineer of the Southern Pacific, was in the city yesterday.

Our thorough knowledge and experience enables us to say, without hesitation that our stock is fully equal to any and superior in quality to most, that are offered. The majority of the best liners in Bryan get their

## GROCERIES from us

Why not follow the majority and buy your Christmas dinner where you know you always get the best?

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Respectfully solicit the trade of Bryan and surrounding territory.

## A Remarkable Speech.

The court room at New Boston, Texas has been the scene of a most remarkable case being tried, that of the State of Texas vs. Col. Jno. Hallum, charged with shooting W. A. Forbes, a minister, who had ruined Hallum's home. Col. Hallum was an utter stranger, and previous to the trial his "funeral" had been preached all over the county for the purpose of poisoning the people's mind against him. The lawyers, through fear of boycott, refused to defend him, and Col. Hallum, being a noted lawyer and historian, defended himself, like Paul, when arraigned before Agrippa and Festus. Col. Hallum is an old gentleman, his head white as hoar frost, but his form is straight as an Indian's. There he stood before a "packed" jury, and in a crowded court room, and spoke for three hours, and his speech was filled with pathos and Promethean fire; it was the most eloquent and forceful ever delivered in the history of American jurisprudence. Its publication gives to the world the greatest piece of forensic literature extant. At times during his speech there was not a dry eye in the audience. Several times the bailiff had to remove the crowd that crushed him in an endeavor to hear his every word; he was interrupted by a minister's wife presenting him with a bouquet of flowers. The jury acquit-

ted him without leaving the box. The Sickle Publishing Co., Little Rock, Ark., has published all the facts in the case, and Col. Hallum's famous speech in book form, and sells it for 50c direct. It is worth twice that amount, and everyone who believes in the virtue of woman and the protection of home, should read it.

An advance notice says: There is a spontaneity, a freshness about the scenes and characters in the "Minister's Son" apparent from the moment the curtain rises in the first act, which has a melting effect on the cynic. Frills, roundabout methods and worn out mannerisms do not abide in this production. A quiet, restful atmosphere pervades the piece, and it follows one from the theatre into the street. As a comedian Mr. W. B. Patton is no less pleasing than peculiar and original, and that he possesses originality none who have seen him doubt. Opera house, Tuesday, Dec. 30.

## Beautiful Building Site.

For sale, five and a half lots, 160 feet front on College street, east side, near new residence of R. S. Webb. A big bargain. Terms easy.

1-1 Cliff A. Adams, Agt.

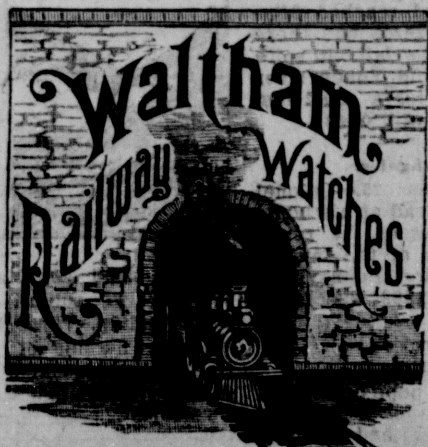
Good morning, have you been to Franklin's market? 21

For Sale Cheap.—One first-class second-hand piano. Address post-office box No. 89, Bryan, Tex. 20

## GIFTS THAT PLEASE!

10 to 25 per cent reduction in prices from now until Christmas. Call and look at the many beautiful things we have to offer and the great saving to cash buyers.

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We have a superb line of Diamonds, Watches, Brooches, Bracelets, Cut Glass, Silverware, Ornamental Clocks, Silver Novelties, Vases, Ebony Goods, Carving Sets, Etc. Our Cut Glass is the highest grade, and different from other kinds. Our Silverware includes the new dull finished goods, so popular this season. We are selling for cash at the closest prices ever made in Bryan



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Real Estate Agent.

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### FOR SALE.

40 acres of first-class pasture land, located partly within the city limits. Plenty of stock water. Price \$15 per acre.

About one and one-quarter acres near schoolhouse in southeast part of town. Small cottage, tenant house and well on premises. Price \$750.

Six room house and two lots of land located four blocks from M. Street. Brick eastern on premises. Price \$1250.

One quarter block near Allen Academy. East front. Price \$250.00. Terms easy.

75 feet front on Railroad street out Otto Boehme's property. Will sell part or all.

Lots near school house at \$100 each.

Also other city property

## For SALE

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Successor to Monroe Edge,

Real Estate Agent.

92 acres of first-class land near A. & M. college, good location for dairy and hog farm; price \$1000.

3 1/2 lots on courthouse square, good seven room house, newly painted with barn and all necessary out-houses, fine well of water going at \$2200.00.

Will sell the Pochila two story house cheap.

Will sell lots in north western part of city, inside lots at \$25.00, corner lots at \$35.00.

69 acres on Wixon creek known as Pearson place, 49 acres in cultivation. All creek bottom land except 5 acres. Good place for party wanting small farm. Going cheap.

29 acres. Good 6 room house. Two underground brick cisterns. About 24 acres in cultivation. One mile west of city. I. & G. N. R. R. passes through property. Will sell for \$1,500.00 or trade for city property.

Other lands too numerous to mention.

## Sound Advice!

We all enjoy a good hearty meal but few dare indulge in it, for fear of sick-headache, indigestion, dyspepsia, and a host of other stomach troubles. Take a wine glassful of **Carrizo Springs Mineral Water** after your meals, and you will be able to eat and drink what you please, with impunity. It is a natural mineral water, nature's own remedy for Constipation, Stomach and Catarrhal troubles, and may be given to the youngest children. Try a bottle, it costs but 25 cents, should your druggist not have it, we will ship you a 5-gallon jug prepaid for \$4.00.

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

## Eugene Field's

Views on Ambition and Dyspepsia.

"Dyspepsia," wrote Eugene Field, "often incapacitates a man for endeavor and sometimes extinguishes the fire of ambition." Though great despite his complaint Field suffered from indigestion all his life. A weak, tired stomach can't digest your food. It needs rest. You can only rest it by the use of a preparation like Kodol, which relieves it of work by digesting your food. Rest soon restores it to its normal tone.

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### GREATLY SURPRISED.

Lopez Baralt Said He Thought Matter Was Nearing a Settlement.

Caracas, Dec. 25.—In an interview with a representative of the Associated Press, Lopez Baralt, minister of foreign affairs, said he had not been informed of a declaration of war by Great Britain.

"I am greatly surprised at the news that such a step has been taken," said Senor Lopez Baralt. "I had believed that the matter was approaching a settlement, Venezuela having offered to submit unconditionally to the arbitration of United States Minister Bowen or President Roosevelt. Venezuela does not regard the existing blockade as tantamount to a state of war, but the country is prepared to resist to the utmost."

### CARACAS CRUISING.

At the City of That Name Everything Is Reported Quiet.

Caracas, Dec. 25.—The Red D line steamer Caracas was cruising Wednesday before La Guayra.

The steamer Merica of the same line has left Willemstad, Curacao for Maracaibo. She will attempt to ascertain whether the blockade is effective.

There is much indignation among the people of La Guayra with Senor De Riva and Herr Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, who are considered responsible for the shelling of the forts at Puerto Cabello. The envoys promenade daily on the beach at La Guayra and it is feared they may be the object of some demonstration.

At Caracas everything is quiet. President Castro has gone to La Victoria.

### Will Cease to Stop.

Paris, Dec. 25.—The only official attention thus far given here to the Venezuelan blockade is an announcement of the postoffice department that the mail boats leaving Bordeaux and Marseille will cease to touch at La Guayra, Puerto Cabello and Carupano and that all correspondence for Venezuela will be carried to Fort de France, Martinique pending the blockade.

### Notification Gazetted.

Madrid, Dec. 25.—Notification of the conclusion of an arbitration treaty between Spain and Uruguay was gazetted Wednesday.

### Captured a Schooner.

La Guayra, Dec. 25.—At 7 o'clock Wednesday evening the British cruiser Tribune captured a schooner and a sloop outside this port.

### BEAT PRINCESS.

This Is What a Careful German Paper Says of Saxony Affair.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—The crown prince beat the crown princess, according to an editorial in the Vossische Zeitung, one of the most careful newspapers published in Berlin, which adds:

Their disagreements reached this crisis in June after Professor Gurlon became the children's tutor. The princess at that time considered seeking a divorce and visited her best friend, the Princess Therese of Bavaria, who dissuaded her. The princess, however, after returning to Dresden did not resume marital relations.

The sympathy of the people of Dresden seems wholly with the Princess, who is a cheerful, pleasure-seeking disposition. The crown prince loved to torment her. Among the writers forbidden her were Tolstoi, Zola and Nietzsche.

Professor Andre Giron is described as an idealist of the extreme type. It is related that his family once considered the question of confining him in an asylum because he refused a legacy on grounds of delicacy of feeling.

### To Seek a Divorce.

Vienna, Dec. 25.—The crown princess of Saxony, through M. Lachenell, a former president of Switzerland, has informed the Neus Wiener Tageblatt that she intends to take immediate steps to procure a divorce. She will not return to Salzburg for fear of being placed in an asylum. In two letters to her intimate friend, Princess Therese of Bavaria, the crown princess of Saxony, complains bitterly of her treatment at the Saxony court where she always was subjected to the strictest discipline. She says official statements in her case are incorrect.

### LAURA BIGGAR ACQUITTED.

Dr. Charles C. Hendricks and Samuel Stanton Found Guilty.

Freehold, N. J., Dec. 25.—Laura Biggar was acquitted and Dr. Charles C. Hendricks and Samuel Stanton, formerly justice of the peace, were found guilty by the jury in the case against the three defendants on the charge of having conspired together to get possession of the entire estate of Henry Bennett a capitalist of Pittsburg.

The jury which retired at 9:30 Tuesday remained out all night and Wednesday asked the court if the jury might convict two of the defendants and acquit one. The court said that such a verdict would be legal and later the verdict was returned.

Miss Biggar laid claim to the entire estate of Bennett who died recently leaving a large fortune, as his wife and as the heir of the child of Bennett who she said was born to her after his death and soon died. Dr. Hendricks was her physician and the proprietor of a sanitarium in which the child was said to have been born. Stanton said he had united Miss Biggar and Bennett in marriage and a certificate signed by him played an important part in the case. The claim of Miss Biggar was contested by persons who laid claim to being the rightful heirs of Bennett, and they made the charge of conspiracy. Under the will Miss Biggar was bequeathed a large part of the estate.

### DID NOT ACT.

For Second Time in Fifteen Years President Was Not Santa Claus.

New York, Dec. 25.—For the second time in fifteen years, says a press dispatch from Oyster Bay, L. I., President Roosevelt did not act as Kris Kringle in person at the Cove School, where his children were taught prior to his elevation to the head of the nation.

Last year the president could not spare the time to come here, and this year events have been pressing too fast about him to admit of his coming.

Some days ago Mr. Roosevelt sent a little slip of paper bearing his autograph, which enabled the principal to deal more liberally with her charges than she had been unable to do before. The sleds, games and dolls were more costly than usual and the candies in greater quantities. There were two trees instead of one, and Miss Provost, the principal, read a letter from President Roosevelt telling the boys and girls how sorry he was that he could not be with them.

A telegram was sent to the president telling him how much the children appreciated his gifts and wishing him many more years in his present position.

### LITTLE DELAY.

Railroad Companies Say They Will Prevent Overcrowding of Cars.

New York, Dec. 25.—While the surface street railways have remained somewhat in the dark, the officials of the "L" roads in Manhattan and Brooklyn came forward with unusual haste in reply to Mayor Low's recent letter regarding the overcrowding of the cars to say that there would be, with little delay, a big improvement in their general service. The Brooklyn Rapid Transit company sent a formal notice to Mayor Low that soon there would be an increase of two hundred and forty additional cars, most of them on the "L" system.

Manager Skitt of the Manhattan "L" wrote that "Twenty-six trains of five cars each on Sixth avenue will become six-car trains, and ten trains of three cars each will become five-car trains. Fifty-four more cars will be added also to the Ninth avenue 'L'."

For the Metropolitan Traction company H. H. Vreeland, the president, wrote the mayor a non-committal letter.

### Debt Long Due Paid.

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 25.—Mrs. George A. Graves of Ogden has just received a check from the United States government for \$250 in settlement of a claim that had been pending for 105 years. The claim was for the capture and destruction by the French about the year 1798 of a schooner belonging to Captain Robert Patton of Gardiner, Mo. The claim was for \$1850, and there are seven heirs.

### Condition of Wheat Bad.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The condition of winter crops in nearly all of European Russia is regarded as absolutely bad. This condition arises from the delay in sowing which was due to the late harvest and the rainy autumn and winter and the seed did not germinate sufficiently before the advent of early and intense frosts.

### Root Acquitted.

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 25.—The case against A. C. Root, charged with slandering Miss Agnes Frizzel, resulted in the acquittal of the defendant. The case has been on the docket of the court here for several years and had its origin in an article published by Root when he ran a paper here.

### Bluejacket Killed.

Vinita, I. T., Dec. 25.—Simon Bluejacket, a prominent citizen of the Cherokee nation, was run down by a Katy freight train at Bluejacket and killed. The mangled body was discovered and picked up by the early eastbound passenger Wednesday.

### Visits Denver in March.

Denver, Col., Dec. 25.—D. B. Airley, chairman of the Republican state committee was advised by telegram that President Roosevelt will visit Denver about the middle of March. From Denver it is said he will go to New Mexico and Oklahoma.

### Severe Blizzard.

Lacrosse, Wis., Dec. 25.—Lacrosse is in the throes of a severe blizzard. The storm reported on is general in the Dakotas, Iowa and Minnesota has moved to the lake. Railroad traffic in and out of this city is considerably delayed as a result.

### Cotton Spinning Depression.

London, Dec. 25.—Depression in the British cotton spinning industry is evidenced by the fact that eighty-five joint stock companies in Lancashire with an aggregate capital of \$25,175,000 and having 6,667,000 spindles record a net loss of \$7150 for the year.

### Quite Airish.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 25.—Crown Prosecutor F. T. Congdon, who has just arrived from Dawson, says the thermometer there had reached fifty-eight degrees below zero, but there had been very little snow fall. In spite of this extreme cold, the Yukon river opposite Dawson and for a short distance up the river was still open.

### Died at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25.—Colonel William B. Shauts is dead at his home here. At the outbreak of the rebellion he was a member of the famous One Hundred Thirty-first Pennsylvania volunteers and in 1862 was made colonel.

### Celebrated Mass.

Rome, Dec. 25.—The pope celebrated mass in his private chapel Wednesday night, after which he wished all present a merry Christmas, and said laughingly: "Do I look as I had been ill Tuesday?" The pontiff delivered the benediction personally.

### Saved From Death In a Cattle Stampede

Few young women's lives have recorded more widely differing experiences than Betty Lieter's, although hardly twenty years have elapsed from the day she first looked upon the world out of a satin lined crib in a luxurious home in Brooklyn until one day last month when she was saved from a horrible death.

Miss Lieter became a schoolteacher in Wyoming when her father took up his home in Sheridan, although much against her parents' will. Her home was three miles from the school on the prairie.

One afternoon in October she remained later than usual at the schoolhouse; then on her way home stopped



THE CATTLE CAME THUNDERING.

by a pile of huge bowlders to examine some curious inscriptions cut into the surface.

A low, rumbling sound startled her. She sprang to her feet. A large herd of cattle was coming toward her, their noses to the ground, their horns clanking together and enveloped in a cloud of dust. At the same moment her pony became frightened, tossed his head in the air and dashed away across the plains.

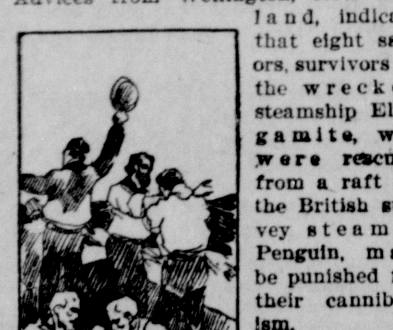
She uttered a scream and sank down. Yells arose from the cowboys. They rode madly into the herd, trying to check the onward rush of the leaders by firing revolvers in their faces. Betty crouched for a moment on the rock pile directly in the path of the stampede; then, impelled to make an effort to save herself, she rose and darted off across the country ahead of the herd.

The cattle came thundering after her. Faster, faster, she sped, her bright skirts flying back in the wind. Louder, nearer, came the frightened herd. The earth vibrated beneath her. She heard the angry roarings, almost felt their hot breath, and, weak from exhaustion, blinded by the dust, she fell.

At that moment from out the clouds of dust dashed a snorting broncho, maddened by the gashing spurs of his rider. A few leaps, and he had reached the prostrate form, and, bending down from his saddle, his strong arm lifted her from the ground, hardly checking his speed, and the sturdy pony swung forward under the double weight. She was saved!

### Wrecked Sailors Live Like Vampires

The survivors of a ship wrecked in the Indian ocean are likely to suffer for their bloodsucking propensities. Advice from Wellington, New Zealand, indicate



that eight sailors, survivors of the wrecked steamship Elingamite, who were rescued from a raft by the British survey steamer Penguin, may be punished for their cannibalism.

They admit that while crazed with thirst and their minds unhinged by their dreadful situation some of them prolonged life by drinking each other's blood.

This was done, they say, by mutual consent. By groups of two they made incisions in the skin and sucked each other's blood simultaneously. Those refusing to submit were "tapped" while asleep. The stewardess, who was the heroine of the wreck, died from exhaustion and loss of blood resulting from the ghastly practice.

The confession has caused horror throughout the country. The conduct of the survivors is considered inexcusable, as the raft was afloat only four and a half days.

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